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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, OPEC

SUBJECT: OIL PRICES

- 1. PRESS REPORTS OUT OF STOCKHOLM DURING RECENT OPEC MEETING REPORTED YAMANI AS SAYING THAT SAG POLICY IS TO AVOID ANY FURTHER PRICE INCREASES THROUGH THE END OF 1978. OTHER REPORTS CITED AMOUZEGAR AS SIMILARLY FAVORING PRICE STABILITY THROUGH THE END OF 1978, ALTHOUGH THESE REPORTS WERE NOT VERY CLEAR.
- 2. WE WOULD LIKE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THESE TWO AT STOCKHOLM, AS WELL AS ANY INSIGHTS YOU CAN PROVIDE ON HOW THEY SEE OPEC PRICE POLICY DEVELOPING OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AMOUZEGAR'S ANTICIPATION WITH CONFIDENTIAL.

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REGARD TO ANY POSSIBLE PRICE CHANGE BY OPEC PRODUCERS AT THE END OF 1977. PLEASE EXPLORE WITH THEM IN LOW-KEY WAY.

3. FOR JIDDA: WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE BETTER UNDER-STANDING OF YAMANI'S STATEMENTS REPORTED OUT OF STOCKHOLM WHICH INDICATED THAT SAUDIS WOULD BE REIMPOSING A PRODUCTION CEILING IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNIFICATION OF OPEC PRICE LEVEL. WE WOULD WELCOME WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE ON WHAT SAG MAY ACTUALLY BE DOING ON THIS SUBJECT, APART FROM CLARIFICATION OF WHAT YAMANI MAY HAVE SAID AT STOCKHOLM. VANCE

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